



TEC
TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
272 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts, MA 01469

Ron Montgomery, Chairman; Michael Brown, Ph.D., Vice-Chairman; Brent Carney,
Kathy Thompson; Edward Hermann;

Rec'd Townsend Town Clerk
3 FEB '23 PM 12:57

TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting AGENDA

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00pm

Previously abbreviated (no minutes) meeting 1/12/2023 AGENDA reordered with updates

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81052606032?pwd=N3k0YkZQSkZ0K0dqN0huRHlxK0xhdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5260 6032

Passcode: 730620

Call Meeting to Order:

Consideration for approval, 11/02/2022 meeting Minutes:

Consideration for approval, 11/30/2022 meeting Minutes:

No minutes for abbreviated meeting 1/12/2023.

**Report Status of On-going Green Communities Grant-funded Program,
previously awarded grant work:**

- >TA, Eric Slagle located and submitted invoices needed to finish this round.
- >Completed Docs submitted on time by Karen Champman, MRPC
- >Interested parties have the report.
- >We are eligible to apply for the 2023 Spring Block.

**Process Discussion: Energy Master Plan Development Subcommittee
(EMPDS)**

- Flexibility / adaptability baked into original suggested plan process. Desired makeup of the subcommittee desired representation has not changed.
BoS approved original plan. General order and details of process steps may need revision for approval as subcom proceeds. Suggest we resubmit execution steps if / as needed when better known.
Subcommittee members and Energy Committee to determine final process and plan to be resubmitted to BoS as many times as necessary before before Town Meeting stage.

Page 2 of 3
TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
Virtual Meeting AGENDA
Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00pm

Continued:

Process Discussion: Energy Master Plan Development Subcommittee (EMPDS)

- EH researched how other towns handled getting Energy considerations / directions into their Master Plans. Others worked from a set of goals provided to the Departments / Committees so that the selected interest groups can embed supports for Town energy goals into their section of the Master Plan.

The approach seems to have the advantage of having whole committees and Departments rather individuals representing them contribute to the development efforts while taking pressure off of finding com/dept representatives.

>Are there additional considerations with reference to the original approved approach? Discuss.

- EH, Chair of SubCom determined that Townsend Subcommittee goals need to be broader and more specific than previously covered in the Energy Committee Mission statement to cover the possibilities to be included in the Master Plan.

Energy Master Plan Development Subcommittee (EMPDS) Goals Discussion:

- >Discuss / refine our list of goals
- > Votes may be taken.

Residential Energy Aggregation and Municipal Consolidation:

- >See "Draft Municipal Aggregation Plan" submitted 1/15/2023
- >Ross Perry willing to visit with Power Point Presentation made.

Prepare for 2023 Spring Block, Green Communities Grant-funded Program:

- **Quote update priorities:** RM returned our open opportunity ECM list (Excel) to Frank Davey at Rise with our priorities for updating our ECM quote. Raised more questions about options.
- **Questions asked and answered about Opportunity line 22:** Retro-commissioning Study at Sr Center / Library..
- **Questions asked and answered about Opportunity lines 12, 14 and 15:** Replace boilers, Memorial Hall and lines 14 and 15, Condensors.

Page 3 of 3
TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
Virtual Meeting AGENDA
Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00pm

Continued:

Prep for 2023 Spring Block, Green Communities Grant-funded Program:

- **Asked ref “Special Eligibility” under GCGP:** Requires 6 years in “Good Standing” in the GCGP and a minimum of 15% energy reduction over last 3 years.

12/1/2022 Karen Chapman at MRPC provided the following info:

“Townsend has a 7.45% reduction in energy usage since the baseline year of FY10, and 6% over the last 3 years, so no I guess Townsend does not qualify for “Special Projects”. Townsend has been in good standing for at least 6 years though.”

- **Question asked and answered about status of Squanacook Elementary,** previously ineligible:

TA, Eric Slagle answered 1/3/23: “Squannacook is not used as a school by NMRSD, even though they own it. They use it as an admin building. The Town does not pay energy bills for this building.”

Mass Energy Insight (MEI), progress accessing and using

- >RM accessed MEI data for schools and Townsend and downloaded.
- >NMRSD MEI data not organized same as Town data.
- >Early oil usage shown but no oil values. How calculated?
- >No training with MEI scheduled. Using self-help tools.

- **Topics not reasonably expected by chair 48 hours before the meeting:**
- **Open / Public forum:**
- **Schedule Next Meeting:**
- **Adjournment:**